Kettle River Corridor

Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Estimated Acres	728
Existing Uses	Land has been managed for wildlife and grazing by the current landowner
Threats	Loss of habitat from development
Intended Uses	This proposal includes a conservation easement for the Graphite parcel and fee simple title for the two river parcels. This site will provide much needed access to the Kettle River. This site will be managed for wildlife habitat conservation and recreation.
Project Description	This acquisition includes 728 acres of remnant low elevation, old-growth forest, eastside steppe and riparian habitat including 3.25 miles of undeveloped shoreline along the Kettle River. The acquisition provides an opportunity to establish a protected wildlife corridor between the U.S. Forest Service designated Jackson Creek and Bodie Mountain Roadless areas. The acquisition includes 40 acres of riparian habitat along the western bank of the Kettle River. This stretch of the Kettle River will protect spawning and rearing habitat for the inland redband trout, a federal species of concern. Target species include: Columbia spotted frog, western toad, cavity-nesting ducks, bald eagle, Townsend's big-eared bat, Lewis' woodpecker, white-headed woodpecker, golden eagle, northern goshawk, moose, deer and elk. The Graphite and River South parcels provides an important migratory corridor for large ungulates and carnivores. Establishment of boat access and parking at the river parcels will allow for more diversified recreation.
Partners/Supporters	Conservation Northwest, Pilchuck Audubon, Washington Department of Natural Resources



